

JAN., 1999

Next Town Assembly

**Village of Arden
Monday, March 22, 1999
7:30 p.m.
Arden Gild Hall**

AGENDA

- Vote on motion to explore purchase of the Craft Shop by the Village of Arden
- Vote on Special Town Assembly to discuss proposal to initiate action for Village of Arden to acquire Craft Shop
- Vote on expansion of BWVC Committee
- Election of town committees and officers
- Vote on Safety Code changes
- 3-year budget forecast
- Standing committee reports

Public town meeting. All are welcome.

Please note: Those attending town meeting are eligible to vote after six consecutive months as an Arden resident prior to the meeting and are 18 years old or older.

January 25, 1999 Town Assembly for the Village of Arden Gild Hall • Arden, Delaware

Present:	Ruth Panella	Larry Walker
Judy Butler	Elaine Schmerling	Milton Isaacs
Jean K. Brachman	Elizabeth Varley	Lew Aumack
Maryellen Jobson	Tim Colgan	Alton Dahl
Bernard Brachman	Albert Marks	William Theis
Naomi Clark	Josianne Rey	Maria Burslem
Allan Kleban	Ruth Bean	Brooke Bovard
Bill Press	Lou Bean	Lynda Kolski
Jan Westerhouse	Eliot Levin	Rodney Jester
Tom Theeler	Rich Bloom	John Stevenson
Mark Zylkin	Joyce Bloom	Dane Miller
Alan Burslem	Johanne Schroeder	Marianne Cinaglia
Helen Ohlson	June Taylor	Bernadette Barrish
Edward Rohrbach	Elizabeth McClemens	Jeffrey S. Barrish
Marguerite Archer	Frank Akutowicz	Paul Thompson
Jennifer Borders	Pete Renzetti	Leon Tanzer
Mary Marconi	Deborah Kenney (NV)	Marjorie Mabrey
Chris Burslem	Harold Kalmus	Rick Grier-Reynolds
Betty O'Regan	Joan Fitzgerald	Liz Resko
Steven Threefoot	Dion Taylor	Lew Broadbent
Cecilia Vore	Barbara Anne Macklem	Peggy Aumack
Lynne Svenning	Maria Burslem	Wayne Knotts
Bonnie Burslem	Julie Regan	Heidi Hoegger
Don Holcomb	Kevin Regan	Connee McKinney
Chris Demsey	Sadie Somerville	
Drew Burslem	Mark Taylor	

Note: In the committee reports, an asterisk (*) next to a nominee's name indicates that the nominee is an incumbent.

1. Meeting called to order:

The meeting was called to order by the town assembly chairperson, Bill Press. All residents were welcomed and their participation encouraged.

2. Moment of silence:

The chairperson called for a moment of silence and sympathy for the families and friends of Joe Downing, Mike Jaffe, Ron Enie, Jim Berry, and Simone van Neerden.

3. Correspondence: Two letters were read by the secretary.

Jan. 12, 1999

Dear Connee [town sec.],

Would you kindly present to Bill Press, our town meeting chairman, a concern I have regarding what I consider "littering" in Arden. This relates to the two or three "papers" which are being tossed out regularly along the right-of-way beside our roads, near mailboxes and driveways in Arden.

I talked with a Corporal Charles McCall of the Delaware State Police. He is the Community Advocate for Kent and Sussex County. According to him, if we do not wish to have stuff like this dropped around town, we, as an incorporated

village, need only to pass an ordinance against it. It would then be illegal, and it would stop.

I am hoping this can be brought up at our next town meeting for discussion.

Sincerely,

Peggy Aumack

Dear Connee [town sec.],

Would you please check with our town meeting chairman as to whether there might be time at our January town meeting to discuss what, if any, value or interest there may be among our town folk in keeping in touch throughout the year with Arden's "roots." We are lucky to live in this culturally and spiritually rich little town. The character of Arden, I'm sure, has developed in part from the various contributions of its residents—be it music, writings, arts and crafts, friendliness or whatnot.

How about devoting a few minutes at the opening of each town meeting to reach out and touch a bit of this past? Perhaps we could start our the year by singing the "Arden Song" at each January meeting. March meeting might start with the reading of "Arden Child." The other two remaining meetings might open with the reading of something else that reflects the dream of Arden and its underlying spirit: the reading of an historically pertinent item, a poem or amusing anecdote from the *Arden Leaves*, *Club Talk*, an old letter, or newspaper clipping. This might help keep the spirit of Arden alive—for today and tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Peggy Aumack

Action: Bill Press asked that we put the discussion on hold until the March town meeting so that residents would have an opportunity to think about these two ideas.

A letter from the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, was read by the secretary (see letter Dec. 30, 1998 at the end of the minutes and "Earn Extra Money" brochure). The number for further information is 1-888-325-7733 or 1-215-597-5514.

A letter from State Representative Wayne Smith was summarized by Bill Press. Representative Smith asked to be kept informed of annual meetings or special interest meetings so that he can schedule them in and be sure to be there.

4. Minutes from the last town meeting were approved.

5. Trustees:

1. It is the time of year for us to encourage all leaseholders over the age of 65 to investigate the feasibility of gaining an Over 65 Exemption from the county as it relates to the property and school taxes that will be billed to the Trust in June. This past year the refund for leaseholders who qualified saw the assessed value against their leaseholds decrease by \$32,000, resulting in a refund on their land rent on the average of 462.88—certainly an appreciable sum. The process is to call the county Finance Department for the particular criteria and application form as it is the county that applies for the exemption, not the Trust.

2. Along the same lines—we will be collecting money soon. Bills will go out in February. Merry Christmas.

3. The Buckingham Green Lawsuit continues—and continues—and continues. There has been little progress since our last report.

4. I have just come from what is suppose to be the last Home Occupation Task Force meeting of the County Council. **Post-meeting comments:** the expectation is that we have gained quite a bit. The number and style of home occupations considered to be legal is greatly expanded since the institution of county zoning in 1954, reflecting an awareness of the need to better mesh New Castle County Zoning with the reality of today's society and business world. Judgments for individual communities are, in essence, being deferred to the communities, within a broader set of zoning guidelines. Institution of terms such as "persons of normal sensibilities" imply that it is a group of neighbors in the immediate community rather than some individual holding a grudge who are making a complaint. The acknowledgment that the county operates on active complaints from citizens rather than taking the initiative to just go out and check to see what infringements they can find, and the continued assurances that the past county practice of supporting variances deemed acceptable by a specific community are positive and encouraging. In effect, while many other communities in New Castle County appear to be somewhat shocked by the clearly high level of business activity present in The Ardens, they have gained a deeper appreciation for who we are and what we represent. At the same time, I have come to realize that many other communities are dealing with some truly huge problems and unquestionably offensive abuses, which has triggered their high level of frustration as they struggle to maintain their residential nature. Ultimately, while not perfect, I think that we have fared very well - greater flexibility being built in. I anticipate there will be one to two more meetings.

The next step of the process is for our county council persons to propose a final product and take it to public hearings. The Task Force acknowledges that currently this is a working document and that the group may need to reconvene in the future to work out unforeseen issues. Also, the institution of any new law may be gradual - phased in over a period of a couple of years.

5. Regarding the legality of non-conforming lots: We have a 2-page letter going out with the land rent bills to all leaseholders of lots that are less than 10,000 square feet in size and those upon which there are multiple domiciles. The letter

alerts the leaseholders to the issue, delineates several specific considerations, and tells them how to proceed to secure legal status in the eyes of the county.

6. Finally, the quarterly financial report is on the table and is considered to be part of this Trustee Report. It shows that the general reserve currently contains about \$175,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Rinehart

For our information:

Gail wanted to make residents aware that residents are responsible for their sewer bills (one was received by the Trustees by mistake).

The trustees have prepared a document to use as reference for leaseholders who have more than one domicile and want to get a variance from the county to legalize their domicile. The assistant to the trustees, Elizabeth Varley, has about 20 samples for distribution.

Discussion: A resident asked for a more detailed breakdown on how each component of land value is assessed: leasehold, improvements to the leasehold, and exemptions to the leasehold. **Response:** Since it would take a detailed answer and she needed some documents to refer to, Gail asked the resident to call her for further discussion.

Reported approved.

Trustees Report Letter on Non-conforming lots [page one]

"You Are Welcome Hither"

Arden

TRUSTEES OF ARDEN
2002 ORLEANS ROAD
ARDEN, DE 19810
(302) 475-7890

January, 1999

Re: Non-conforming Lots - size and use of land

Dear Leaseholder:

The Village of Arden currently carries a zoning designation of NC-10 relating to land use under the New Castle County Unified Code. By definition, this designation states that a legal (conforming) lot is no less than 10,000 sq. ft. in size, and usage of improvements is restricted to one single family residential domicile. Clearly, many Arden leaseholds fall safely into this category. However, we also have many lots that, for several reasons, are not, by definition, legal under the NC-10 designation.

Our primary concern in alerting you is that you may be under the impression that your lot is legal when, in fact, it may not be. Examples of leaseholds which would be non-conforming are as follows:

1. A lot that is less than 10,000 sq.ft. in size. These are "grandfathered". In other words, if your lot was less than 10,000 square feet prior to the institution of zoning in 1954, you do not have a problem relating to size because the lot automatically was granted legal status. However, you will have a problem if you choose to enlarge current improvements or add some improvement if it would encroach on the "set back lines" currently delineated for construction on a NC-10 designated lot.

2. A leasehold that contains more than one residential domicile. From our investigation into this particular criteria, we have discovered that NONE OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDEN LEASEHOLDS WERE PROPERLY RECORDED BY LEASEHOLDERS AS SUCH IN 1954. THEREFORE, YOUR LOT CLEARLY IS NOT LEGAL UNDER CURRENT ZONING IN THE EYES OF THE COUNTY UNLESS YOU HAVE OBTAINED A CERTIFICATE OF NON-CONFORMITY. A domicile, by definition, is any independent living facility that contains a kitchen with permanent cooking facilities, i.e., a stove. (Example - a building containing 2 separate living units with separate kitchens is 2 domiciles. Example - 2 separate buildings on a lot being used as independent residences.)

3. A leasehold where certain types of businesses or home occupations are in existence.

4. A leasehold where improvements (buildings or structures) encroach on the "set back lines" delineated for the location of construction in relation to the property lines.

How does this impact you? If you are not a legal NC-10 designation (10,000

Trustees Report Letter on Non-conforming lots [page two]

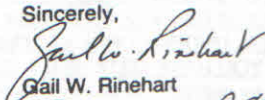
sq.ft containing one single family residential domicile) and have not secured a "Certification of Non-conforming Status" pursuant to Section 8.310, Article 8 of the Unified Development Code or a variance from the County relating to a specific usage, you could anticipate that you may run into difficulties in any future transfer/sale of your lease. Additional problems could crop up should you choose to expand the usage or the building(s), or seek a bank loan. Now is the time to pursue the matter. Write or call the New Castle County Land Use Department (87 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720 302/ 395-5400). See what the record is for your leasehold. Use the County Parcel Number shown on your Land Rent Bill to reference your particular leasehold. (The square footage of the lot also is indicated on your bill.) If you find that the county does not have your lot on record as non-conforming, we can only encourage you to take the necessary steps, as instructed by the county, to rectify the situation. If you are lucky enough to be able to truly document non-conforming usage from pre-1954, keep those records in a safe place. If you have already established legal non-conformity, keep your records relating to the usage up to date.

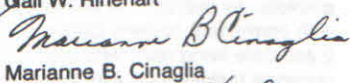
How did we get into this mess? Well, being 40+ years after the fact, we can only surmise that no one, trustees or leaseholders, knew that specific action needed to be taken to register the non-conformity of a lot at that time, the assumption being that everything would be automatically grandfathered into the new code, as has been the normal county practice when zoning changes have occurred over the years. Our guess is that this concept of active registration was necessary only in the beginning years of zoning. Since we can not go back 40+ years, we all are now in the position of trying to fix the problem. For those who feel they are stuck with a problem they did not foresee - welcome to the crowd. Be assured that Arden is not the only entity within the county facing this issue. We are however addressing it, rather than hiding and hoping it goes away.

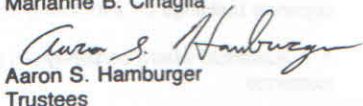
Why is the leaseholder responsible for rectification? While the Trust owns the land, the leaseholder owns the improvement(s) and the issue is one relating to how a leaseholder wishes/chooses to use their improvement(s).

In closing, it has taken us about a year to chase down the various little issues relating to this situation. So, you should not anticipate a quick resolve to your particular circumstance. Also, by the mere fact that you are receiving this letter, you can assume that we think that you may have a problem in one of the above delineated areas. However, there is a logical process in place that you can follow toward solution.

Sincerely,


Gail W. Rinehart


Marianne B. Cinaglia


Aaron S. Hamburger
Trustees

Trustees Report Village of Arden Receipts

Village of Arden

Receipts and Bank Balances March 25, 1998 to December 31, 1998

Balance in Bank March 25, 1998183,742.85**Receipts:**Grants 37,095.30Interest & Dividends 1,523.00**Land Rent:**Past Fiscal Year(s) 3,880.42Present Fiscal Year 164,629.80Future Fiscal Year(s) 463.89Meadow Lane Access Rent 268.80Memorial Garden Donations 1,415.00Miscellaneous 1,369.89**Rights of Way:**Cable TV 0.00Roads 4,639.89**SUBTOTAL Receipts** 215,285.99Redeemed Investments + 225,000.00New Investments - 272,000.00**TOTAL RECEIPTS** 168,285.99Receipts & Starting Bank Balance 352,028.84Expenditures Against Budget - 329,737.72Balance in Bank as of Dec. 31, 1998 22,291.12**NOTE: Investment Position**Arden Building and Loan 62,475.00Vanguard Money Market 91,039.27Other: **TOTAL Investment Position** 153,514.27**Signatures:**

Trustee:

Paul W. Richard

Admin. Assist.:

Elizabeth Vukobratovic

Trustees Report Village of Arden Expenses

Village of Arden

Expenditures Against Budget March 25, 1998 to December 31, 1998

Budget Item	Budgeted Amount	Expenditures F.Y. to Date	Expenditures Since Last Report
Committees:			
Archives	3,780.00	2,857.27	728.00
Buzz Ware Village Center	1,000.00	310.03	171.90
Buzz Ware VC: Renovation	6,000.00	3,627.92	0.00
Centennial Celebration	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
Civic: Commons & Forest	14,000.00	9,313.61	3,243.18
Civic: Roads	14,000.00	10,664.79	597.39
Civic: Special Clean-Up	2,200.00	499.61	0.00
Civic: Trash Collection	34,000.00	25,852.61	11,976.20
Community Planning	1,500.00	115.00	25.00
Com. Plan.: Grant Match Funds	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Legislative Reference	300.00	0.00	0.00
Playground	1,550.00	1,177.72	250.00
Registration	3,100.00	1,844.94	1,058.22
Safety: General	900.00	841.08	88.28
Safety: Town Watch Coordinator	2,268.00	1,701.00	756.00
Welcome Hither	250.00	5.00	0.00
Salaries:			
Assembly Secretary	5,214.00	3,555.00	1,580.00
Bookkeeping Services	2,139.00	1,458.00	648.00
Other Line Items:			
Donations: ACRA	700.00	700.00	0.00
Donations: Arden Library	400.00	400.00	0.00
Donations: Arden Page	1,050.00	1,050.00	0.00
Donations: Fire Companies	850.00	850.00	0.00
Gild Hall Rental	650.00	650.00	0.00
Telephone	360.00	141.51	46.90
Contingencies	2,000.00	405.62	0.00
Items Not Subject to Referenda			
Memorial Garden Fund		963.41	135.00
Civic: Grants	6,000.00	0.00	0.00
Com. Plan.: Grants		(a) 35,171.72	13,349.05
Taxes: New Castle Co. Prop.	55,765.00	55,509.77	55,503.84
Taxes: School	144,129.00	145,478.33	145,463.11
Administrative: Auditing	3,000.00	3,800.00	0.00
Administrative: Insurance	7,000.00	5,453.00	0.00
Administrative: Legal	10,000.00	3,203.00	0.00
Administrative: Office Rent	2,100.00	1,575.00	700.00
Administrative: Operations/Fees	4,500.00	2,404.23	305.10
Administrative: Payroll Taxes	1,600.00	2,671.34	1,168.84
Administrative: Salary Ad. Asst.	8,736.00	6,552.00	2,912.00
Less Accrued Taxes		(1,064.79)	(473.24)
TOTAL	346,041.00	(b) 329,737.72	(c) 240,232.77

Notes:

(a) Total is a compilation of expenditures relating to 4 grants: Urban Forestry I: \$442.00 Urban Forestry II: \$3,196.66 Division of Arts: \$7,707.30 Traffic Calming: \$23,825.76

(b) Includes \$36,135.13 expended from non-budgeted funds, i.e. grants & Memorial Garden donations.

(c) Includes \$13,484.00 expended from non-budgeted funds, i.e. grants & Memorial Garden donations.

6. Safety:

Chairperson Tim Colgan submitted the following nominations: Steve Harcourt*, Eliot Levin*, Walter Borders, Tom Colgan, Denis O'Regan, Alex Scala

A handout was available that would revise the Arden Safety Code (see "Purpose ...". The committee would like to have a discussion and vote on the proposed changes at the March town meeting.

Discussion: A member of the Arden Club board told the Safety Committee that the Club was uncomfortable with the change: the Club has already made some alterations to their parking procedures.

Safety Committee Handout:

Purpose: To ask the next Town Assembly to direct the Safety Committee to propose the following changes (see Section 802, Arden Safety Code). Present wording in the Arden Safety Code:

(section 202) " **Temporary and Emergency regulations.**

The Chief of Police shall have the following powers to regulate traffic and parking temporarily and in time of emergency: (a) In the case of fire, flood, storm, or other emergency, to establish temporary traffic and parking regulations.

(section 202 b) "In case of emergency, or to facilitate public works, or in the case of conduct of parades or public events, to restrict or prohibit parking or traffic in limited areas for periods of not more than 72 hours, or to permit parking in restricted areas for up to 24 hours.

Such temporary and emergency regulations shall be enforced by the Police Department of the village...

Proposed changes:

(section 202) delete "Temporary and"
change "Chief of Police" to Safety Committee

(section 202 b) delete "or to facilitate public works or in the case of conduct of parades or public events"

(last sentence) change "Police Department" to Safety Committee

Proposed changes:

The Civic Committee shall have the authority to allow parking to be temporarily restricted: (1) to facilitate public works or in the case of conduct of parades or public events.

(2) for up to 24 hours on rights-of-way during which a Village green(s) will be used for parking.

The responsibilities of the event sponsor shall be as follows:

(a) request should be in writing to the Civic Committee at least three months in advance of the event. Request must include time frame that parking will be restricted. The request must also include the name and phone number of person (s) managing the parking during the event.

(b) temporary signs must be posted, at event sponsors' cost, on right-of-way to be restricted. These signs may be posted up to twelve hours prior to the event and must be removed within twenty-four hours after the event. The signs shall read "No parking, tow away zone".

(c) monitor parking during event and have illegally parked vehicles towed away. Have vehicles parked on the green(s) removed if they remain more than four hours after event is over.

7. **Playground:**

Chairperson Rich Bloom submitted the following nominations: Evelyn Knotts*, Mary Vernon*, Ray McDevitt, Ken Sutton, Beth Stevenson, Leon Tanzer and Lanier Colgan, and Larry Walker.

Rich informed us that his committee will have an equipment inspection in March to see if there are any problems. Also committee member, Larry Walker, attended a playground safety seminar at Penn State, sponsored by the National Playground Safety Institute in December. The feedback from the seminar was: the original Playground Committee (Frank Heyman, Beverly Barnett and others) did a good job of setting the village playground safety practices. Some statistics and information from the seminar were summarized by the chairperson: 40% of accidents involve girls, 54% involve boys, 46% of accidents involve children in the 5 to 9-year-old age group, 47% of accidents are injuries to the head or face, 34% of the accidents are injuries to the arms or hand, making the surface soft is the best single step toward playground safety, newer slide equipment has a bar that forces the children to get down before sliding from the top, 60% of lawsuits cite poor maintenance as the cause of the lawsuit.

Discussion: The tragic death of an Arden child so many years ago on the playground was recalled.

Report approved.

8. **Legislative Reference:**

Chairperson John Stevenson submitted the following nomination: Brooke Bovard* (need 5 more nominees). Brooke Bovard outlined the function of the committee: to be a resource for Robert's *Rules of Order* and to communicate how Arden works (the red 3-ring binder handbooks that are distributed to all residents). Residents should tell John if they have any nominees.

Report approved.

9. **Community Planning:**

Chairperson Lynda Kolski submitted the following nominations: Rachel Grier-Reynolds, Beverly Barnett*, Jan Westerhouse*, Mary Brent Whipple, Mary Marconi, and Harold Kalmus.

Sherwood Green

Our Urban Forestry grant proposal requesting \$3,200 to finish the Sherwood Green plan was approved. That final plan is expected to be completed in the spring.

Millers Road

The temporary barrels have been in place in the Millers Road/Lower Lane/Walnut Lane intersection since mid-October. The four way stop signs are also in place. One of the biggest problem has been kids ripping the caution tape down. Most of the feedback so far, including some from Ardentown residents, has been very positive. The residents on the intersection have met twice to re-

evaluate the set-up and made slight modifications to the barrel arrangement. Our original goal was to make the intersection safer by reducing speeding and the running of stop signs. At the last meeting, the consensus of the residents is that the revisions to the intersection have definitely slowed traffic there. Even school buses, which were one of the major offenders of speeding through that intersection, are now moving through slowly and cautiously. The trash truck has also negotiated it with no problem. The consensus of the residents who live on the intersection is that they are comfortable with the current arrangement and believe it works well. We would like to move forward in working with that arrangement. That involves arranging for emergency vehicles to drive through it to ensure they can negotiate it, working with Civic Committee on drainage issues, and getting cost estimates to make the permanent changes.

Memorial Garden

Rich Rothrock is looking for another stone to be used as a bench, similar to the one already there. The memorial garden clean-up is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 1.

Landmark

Landmark activities are continuing, with an interesting and diverse slate of speakers planned in the next several months. Watch the Page for listings.

David Ames will be giving a lecture at a national restoration and preservation conference at Goucher College in Baltimore in March and his presentation will focus on Arden as a Traditional Cultural Property. Not only are we generating a lot of local interest, but we are also starting to become a hot topic at national preservation conferences.

Submitted by,

Lynda Kolski, chairperson

[Chairperson's report with discussion continues after the Harvey Road Traffic Calming report.]

Harvey Road Traffic Calming

Submitted by Beverly Barnett, Harvey Road chairperson

I would like to describe the progress of the Harvey Road Traffic Calming Project since last September's Town Meeting. You will have read some of it in the PAGE, but it's important to enter it in the official record of the Village.

First, we have continued to meet with our own three communities and the surrounding community about the project. This autumn we've had four town meetings, a forum panel discussion at our umbrella civic organization (CCOBH), a presentation at the annual meeting of the largest civic association in Northern Delaware (Chalfonte), and upon the invitation of the Old Newark Civic Association, we shared with them the knowledge we've gained by experience.

Second, in the funding process this autumn we gained three unanimous votes of approval from very important sectors – WILMAPCO's Public Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and overall Council. On December 21 Anne Canby wrote that the Harvey Road traffic calming project is included in DelDOT's revised Capital Improvement Program as part of the Grubb Road drainage and resurfacing project. If approved by the General Assembly, the Grubb Road section would continue its current schedule of construction this summer. The Harvey Road section would proceed under a separate contract.

Third, through DelDOT's I-95 North citizens' group and the DelDOT Horticultural Advisory Committee, we've defined ways to enhance DART bus service prior to the reconstruction of I-95 while simultaneously beginning the traffic calming process. Thanks to the concept plan funded with the assistance of our state legislator Wayne Smith and the community-oriented spirit of DelDOT staff, we found a way to both widen the Veale Road intersection to better accommodate the bus turning radius plus introduce on Harvey Road the first traffic calming elements. Two posters are on display illustrating that change. Construction will take place this summer as part of a bigger project that includes changes at Marsh & Silverside, and at Myrtle & Philadelphia Pike in Claymont.

Fourth, DelDOT wants to increase amenities for bus riders prior to I-95 reconstruction, and has agreed to fund two shelters on Harvey Road based on the old Arden water pump houses. DelDOT will pay for architectural blueprints to insure that Delaware Transit Corporation's (DTC) standards for safety, liability, disabled access, and maintenance are met. DelDOT will put into an Ardens' account the money that two standard aluminum and plexiglass shelters would cost.

Once we have the plans and the money, the Ardens would be responsible for paying for construction including amounts above and beyond that for standard shelters, long term maintenance, and insurance liability. I have discussed the possibility with the Civic Committee and the Trustees, and confirmed with local contractors that it may be possible to build the shelters within the standard budget. The proposed locations for the two shelters are the Orleans and the Veale bus stops.

Fifth, I now believe that, because of community concern about the impact on emergency response, we cannot use any form of speed tables or raised intersections in this traffic calming project. In order that the project can continue to move forward, the committee must acknowledge this formally in writing and restate our willingness to work with the fire department to find alternative solutions.

Finally, I want to inform this Assembly that the good working relationship with DelDOT reflected in our community design meetings last spring has continued and grown. It seems that funding of the concept plan has been fast-tracked. After a rocky start in the I-95 North working group, the traffic calming aspects of Veale & Harvey are now cited by DelDOT as a success story.

Last Thursday the Ardencroft Village Assembly voted unanimously confidence to proceed. We will request the same of the Ardentown Assembly on February 8. Tonight I ask this Assembly for a vote of confidence in the work of the Harvey Road Traffic Calming Committee that will authorize us to proceed until the next

town meeting. Specifically, your vote of confidence would authorize continued exploration of the new bus shelter possibility – and other opportunities, should they arise – as well as abandonment within the current project of speed plateaus or raised intersections. We commit to continued work in the same manner demonstrated for the past year.

Submitted by Beverly A. Barnett, chairperson

Discussion on Harvey Road Traffic Calming: The original committee request for a "vote of confidence for the Harvey Road Traffic Calming efforts which included a request from DelDOT for a written statement eliminating speed tables from the current grant" was discussed at great length. A summary of the discussion follows:

Pros: The town could risk losing the beautification elements of the plan if we reject the advice to eliminate the speed tables (raised intersections); Comm. Planning Committee has worked hard on this effort, particularly the Harvey Road Chairperson (BevB), so we don't want to undercut her efforts thus far by rejecting the "show of support"; this is one grant--we could get the beautification elements going and then have another chance at a grant to address the need for speed tables; speed could be measured after the beautification efforts then compared to the present speeds to see if, in fact, we needed the speed tables; Wayne Smith needs to listen to more than just the fire company on this issue.

Cons: Claymont Fire Company has been uncooperative and unresponsive: requests to meet with the fire company have been made repeatedly, even to the extent that a registered letter requesting a reply was sent to the fire company--they did not have the courtesy to respond to us; the speed tables are the most important element in slowing down traffic--without that element, we are not really addressing that problem on Harvey; horizontal elements would involve public rights of way and might not even be possible (if leaseholders object so we could wind up with nothing); nearby communities have speed bumps within on their roads so the emergency vehicles are speeding down Harvey and then having to slow down when they enter those communities--Why should Arden help them make up the time by giving up speed tables on our roads.

The committee rewrote the request so that the final motion now reads:

Motion: Community Planning Committee asks for a vote of confidence in the work of the Harvey Road Traffic Calming committee that will authorize us to proceed until the next town meeting. Your vote would authorize continued exploration of the new bus shelter possibility (and other opportunities should they arise), but the Arden town assembly does not favor abandoning raised intersections. We commit to continue to work in the same manner demonstrated for the past year.

Motion seconded.

Call for vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Community Planning continued

Motion on Intersection on Walnut, Millers, and Lower Lane: Community Planning made a motion to pursue the next stage of the possible reconfiguration of the intersection at Walnut, Millers, and Lower Lane—getting costs estimates, drainage solutions, asphalt replacement options (whether or not to use gravel, grass, or plantings in the new area) and to bring the results of their research to town meeting for a vote.

Discussion on the motion: Once the barriers are installed, new drainage problems could be created. Traffic is slower now coming into the intersection, particularly school buses. The method used to evaluate the water flow might not give us an accurate calculation of the real water flow in the whole area. The committee should consider the use of stanchions, rather than reconstructing the intersection. Something needs to be done about the safety of the intersection and there is a slowing down of cars, particularly from Lower Lane. We should just try installing the 4 stop signs at each road first and see how that works—it is a much simpler approach. We should do the research first, such as where is the water table? We should hire an off-duty police officer first rather than spending \$30,000 to dig up the intersection; we should put paint on the road saying "Stop Here". Fine the speeders and have random checks; this is a good motion—the committee should be congratulated on trying to improve safety in the village. We are repeating ourselves—we had this same discussion 15 years ago and we decided that the intersection was not a hazard.

The motion was read again and a standing vote was taken. Thirty-five votes were in Favor of continuing to pursue, and thirty votes were Not in Favor.

The motion was passed.

Sherwood Green Concept

Discussion: A resident wanted to express a concern that with the proposed new plantings the Sherwood Green concept looks like it eliminates large playing areas—the kind of areas that allow for ball throwing-fetching for dogs and other small creatures.

Motion to approve report.

Report approved.

10. Civic:

Chairperson Rodney Jester submitted the following nominations: Rodney Jester*, Aaron Hamburger*, Lynne Svenning, Walter Broadbent, Phil Fisher, and Keith Marceski.

Drainage work on Hillside and Millers Roads was rebid and completed. We still have available funds from the state grant and will continue with a drainage project on Millers Roads and Little Lane.

Some roads were missed being plowed in our recent snowstorms. If your road has been missed or needs additional attention, call Aaron Hamburger or Rodney Jester.

The curbstone project on Cherry and Green Lanes was completed. We will clean the small rubble left as back fill and apply topsoil and seed in the spring.

A reminder that the area between the edge of the road and your leasehold is the town right-of-way and should be kept clear of overgrown hedges, rocks and such so that vehicles can park there with two wheels off the road or pedestrians can step off the road. There will be a notice in the *Arden Page* and letters will be sent to leaseholders who encroach on the town right-of-way.

Submitted by,

Rodney Jester, chairperson

Discussion: Please note that the recycling truck does not pick up wet newspapers.

Report approved.

11. Registration:

Chairperson Cecilia Vore submitted the following nominations: Jennifer Borders*, Heidi Hoegger, Rachel Grier-Reynolds, Joan Zylkin, and Deborah Laraway.

The Registration Committee conducted the election of the Board of Assessors and the Budget Referendum for the fiscal year March 25, 1999 to March 24, 2000 on November 8, 1998. We mailed to 380 eligible voters and we received 235 valid envelopes. Six ballots were received after the deadline and could not be counted. The following assessors were elected: Lew Aumack, convenor; Bernard Brachman; Alton Dahl; Jim Larsen; Peter Renzetti; Jim Schwaber; and Steven Threefoot.

Of the 234 ballots cast for the budget, 7 disapproved of the entire budget. We received votes against 26 of the 27 items. These negative votes ranged from 50 against the *Arden Book* to 8 against the Bookkeeper's salary.

Thanks to Sharon Kleban, who is going off the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia Vore, chairperson

Report approved.

12. Buzz Ware Village Center:

Chairperson Tom Wheeler submitted the following nominations: Marguerite Archer, Tim Colgan, Allan Kleban, Eliot Levin, Ken Lipstein, and Betty O'Regan. The committee has been asked by the above nominees to increase the size of the committee from five to seven members. According to their research, this would be legal under the Act to Reincorporate Section 6(a).

As many of you have heard, Hand-in-Hand Childcare is going out of business. The owners cited two major factors, which contributed to a 30% decrease in the daycare population in the last year. These are the lack of dedicated infant care space in the facility, and the business's inability to support a kindergarten facility. This hurt the daycare, since they couldn't develop and sustain a feeder, nor could they continue with a child until mandatory school takes over. Essentially, parents with more than one child will chose a single daycare that meets all their needs. One immediate benefit is to the ACRA summer program, which will be brought back together under one roof after many years.

The YMCA aftercare program, School's Out, is planning to continue in the center. They are developing a proposal to rent rooms 1, 2, and 3 during the school year, possibly over the whole day. They currently utilize rooms 3 and 4 before and after the regular public school schedule.

The loss of Hand-in-Hand Childcare will have a serious impact on the town's use and support of the Buzz Ware. One positive outcome is that Ardencroft is considering a proposal to increase their contribution to \$2,000. Last year the Buzz Ware committee created a mission statement, and initiated a process to survey the town and develop a master plan for the facility.

A subcommittee was formed with leadership from Lee Smith, an architect from Ardentown. This group is comprised of Buzz Ware committee members, standing committee representatives and interested individuals from the three Ardens. We sought specific ACRA needs in addition to ideas culled from focus groups, brainstorming, and talking to any individuals with suggestions. A masterplan will be presented to the town when it is complete and will include a financial prospectus to enable a clear view of the vision. Discussion has touched upon a town office, a paid administrator who will schedule programs and events and oversee maintenance, the aesthetics of the building, finding a consistent clientele, and looking beyond the center to evaluate all of the spaces and activities within the Ardens. This last thought is being developed into a Calendar of the Ardens, distributed by the Page, which will allow us all to see at a glance what activities are taking place on any given day. Marge Mabrey has offered to compile information gathered from BWVC, the Arden Club, Candlelight Theater, etc. Buzz Ware will sponsor the first quarter with a contribution to the Page. Upcoming events in the center include a Valentine making event on the 7th with Ruth Bean, a discussion of senior needs on the 11th and a second open round of

Buzz Ware Vision discussions on the 24th. Of special interest are a movie event orchestrated by Barbara Perry on the 13th, featuring "Bahji on the Beach", an award-winning story of the conflict of culture and generations in a foreign land, a coffee house event created by artists Frank Vincent and Elise Vincent of Ardencroft and Keith Marceski of Arden on Friday the 19th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Elections are near. Nominees are Marguerite Archer, Tim Colgan, Allen Kleban, Ken Lipstein, Eliot Levin and Betty O'Regan. This is a six person group to fill four vacancies. These individuals form a core of individuals committed to shepherding the center through an exciting opportunity. They are asking the town to accept this as a slate, temporarily expanding the committee to a total of seven members. With your approval, this would be proper under Section 6A of the Act to Reincorporate.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Wheeler, chairperson

Discussion on expanding the committee to seven members: The committee is doing a good job seeking community input for the possible uses of the Center. The above nominees are a slate of very interested residents and the BWVC needs the extra help now: we can go back to the normal five members in the future if the seven are not needed. The Registration Committee was expanded from three to five members, but they were in the original charter. Should we make the change by the ordinance process or by a motion?

Motion: Motion was made to table a decision until research on the correct procedure to expand a committee can be done by Legislative Reference and Registration—the results of their research should be brought to the March Advisory Committee meeting. We must have a consistent process; the process must also be democratic—you might have a slate, but there is no guarantee that all 6 nominees will get elected. Other committees are busy, too, but they have not expanded—they have used the unelected nominees as a resource.

Motion to expand the committee tabled.

Report approved.

Hand-in-Hand discussion: A letter from the town should be sent to Hand-in-Hand owners (Karen Burgess and Dawn Picollelli) saying that we are sorry that they could not make a go of the daycare and that they were both a joy to work with.

13. Budget:

Chairperson Liz Resko submitted the following nominations: Mark Zylkin, Amy Hill, Al Marks, Marianne Cinaglia*, Rick Grier-Reynolds*, Mary Marconi*.

Report approved.

14. Auditing:

Chairperson Ken Lipstein submitted the following nominations: Arthur Stevenson*, Christine Demsey*, Liz Resko, and Dion Taylor.

Report approved.

15. Assessors:

Chairperson Alton Dahl told the meeting that the list of the upcoming meetings for the Assessors is posted on the bulletin board outside the Gild Hall. He encouraged those who are interested to attend the meetings, particularly the public meetings. If a resident comes to the other meetings, they will be able to address the board at the beginning of the meeting, but then the board will have to move on the committee business.

Report accepted.

16. Archives:

Chairperson Mark Taylor submitted the following nominations: Allan Kleban, Sandra Hurlong, Liz Resko, Carolyn Cordivano, Linda Eaton*, and Mark Taylor*.

In terms of acquisitions, this quarter has been one of Archives most memorable ever. The committee would like to thank Bob and Phyllis Wynn for their donations of two portrait busts by Frank Stephens, two small medallions also by Frank Stephens, and a sample board of hinges from the Arden Forge. One of the portrait busts is signed with an exhibition tag which reads "Adam-As You Like It" making it a particularly important addition to the collection.

Just as exciting as the Wynn's donation was one made recently by Alex and Charlotte Roberts of Florida. Alex's parents, William and Louise Roberts, ran a small press beginning first in Rose Valley and then in Arden and produced, among other things, hand-blocked greeting cards. Several dozen cards were donated from both the Rose Valley and Arden years along with two portfolios of illustrations that Louise did for Philadelphia publications.

Also recently added to the collection was a sketch by Will Price done in 1896 and a scorecard from a Rose Valley/Arden baseball game.

Archives would like to remind everyone that we are open the first and third Sundays of the month from 1–3 pm. We hope that you will come to visit.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Taylor, chairperson

Reported approved.

Important to note: Long-time Archives committee member, Jean Brachman, was presented with flowers and a warm thank you for her invaluable service to the community. Mark Taylor presented the flowers for the committee.

17. Advisory:

Advisory Chairperson Judy Butler submitted the following nominations for officer positions: town chairperson: Bill Press; advisory chairperson: Alton Dahl and Joan Fitzgerald; town secretary: Liz Resko; treasurer: Ken Lipstein

18. Welcome Hither:

Committee member Maryellen Jobson and Marianne Cinaglia reminded residents of the Arden Town Party on Sunday, February 28, from 3-5 pm in the upper Gild Hall. Please bring finger foods to share.

19. Centennial:

Chairperson Bill Press told us that an April meeting is planned. Some events scheduled are an open town meeting, a town block party, a tie in to the Arden Fair and a performance by the Ardensingers. A resident asked if a new Vespers group could be part of the Centennial. Marianne Cinaglia asked for feedback from her notice in the *Arden Page* on a discussion group on the subject, "Vision of Arden in the 21st Century." Mark Taylor and Mary Marconi will be part of the group.

20. Old Business:

Annual reading of **Ordinance 12** on the closing of the woods from dusk to dawn (usually done at Sept. town meeting):

No person or group shall sleep or camp overnight on the Greens or other Commons in Arden. The forests of Arden shall be closed to all persons from dusk to dawn, except individuals or groups with written permission from the Civic Committee.

Discussion: Do we really need it? It was originally enacted to address the rowdy behavior of young people on the greens and in the woods. The restrictions apply to all of us. Safety Committee might review this ordinance and make a recommendation to the meeting next year.

A vote was taken and the vote was in favor of extending Ordinance 12 for one more year.

21. New Business:

Some residents expressed concern about the number of roads that did not get plowed, and, more importantly, did not get sanded and salted after the snow storm. There was no sand at Woodland and Miller and Walnut and Miller. The Civic Committee asked that a committee member, particularly Aaron Hamburger or Rodney Jester, should be called if a road is missed; otherwise, the Civic will not know where the problem areas are. The snow removal contractor's truck with the sander was broken for a half a day so that slowed down the process.

22. Good and Welfare:

On Feb. 9, the Gild Hall is having a Hawaiian Slack Key concert. George Brocklesby has tickets.

Long-time resident, Lee Starr, is in a nursing home on Lancaster Pike. Visitors are welcome.

Call for adjournment.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Connee Wright McKinney, town secretary

Next meeting: March 22, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gild Hall

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The test consists of 28 multiple choice questions designed to measure the skills and abilities required to perform a variety of Census jobs, like reading, math, following instructions, and map reading skills. You will be given 30 minutes to complete the test. You may re-take the test when it is offered in your area.

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Census jobs will pay a competitive wage in your area. Also Census workers will be reimbursed for authorized expenses, such as mileage.

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Census jobs are all about making sure everyone is counted accurately.

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What identification do I need?

Bring to the testing session one form of identification from List A, OR one from List B and one from List C.

List A

- U.S. Passport (Unexpired or expired)
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (INS Form N-560 or N-561)
- Certificate of Naturalization (INS Form N-550 or N-570)
- Unexpired foreign passport, with I-551 stamp or attached INS Form I-94, employment authorization
- Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph
- Unexpired Temporary Resident Card

List B

- Driver's license or State ID
- School ID with a photograph
- Voter's registration card
- U.S. Military Card or draft record
- Military dependent's ID card
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- Native American tribal document
- Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority

List C

- U.S. Social Security card
- Certification of birth abroad issued by the Department of State (Forms FS-545 or DS-1350)
- Birth Certificate with official seal of issuing authority
- Native tribal document
- U.S. Citizen ID card (INS Form I-197)
- ID card for use of Resident Citizen of the U.S.
- Unexpired employment authorization document issued by the INS (other than those in List A)

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December 30, 1998

Re: ***Job Openings Now Available***
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Dear Census Partner:

We are currently recruiting for crew leaders, enumerators and clerks for our address verification operation in your area. We request your help in finding applicants for these positions.

This is the operation that the Census Bureau carries out prior to the actual Census to confirm housing unit addresses. Enumerators will visit every third housing unit to verify the address of that unit and confirm the address of the adjacent or nearest unit on each side. The updated address list will be used to mail out the Census 2000 questionnaires.

The salaries vary depending upon job and location. Attached please find information relating to salaries by job in your area. This is a six-week operation requiring people who can work approximately 30 hours per week on a flexible time schedule.

I hope that you will aid us in our recruiting efforts by sharing this information with any person or organization who might be interested in these positions. For further information about how to apply for these positions, please refer all interested parties to our Recruiting Department at 1-888-325-7733 or 1-215-597-5514. Our Email address is philly.recruit@census.gov and our Website is www.census.gov/rophi/www/bulletin.html.

Thank you for your interest in partnering with us in preparation for Census 2000.

Sincerely,


Fernando E. Armstrong
Regional Director

Attachment

Census Information

EARLY LOCAL CENSUS POSITIONS

ENUMERATORS- Locally hired people who work in their own neighborhoods verifying addresses, interviewing, canvassing, listing and visiting households that did not respond to a census questionnaire.

CREW LEADERS- Works in the field to appoint, train, observe, review and supervise the work of enumerators engaged in field data collection.

FIELD OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR- Coordinates, supervises and oversees the field data collection operations performed by crew leaders and enumerators.

SPECIAL PLACE OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR- Coordinates, supervises and oversees the activities of the field workforce during special place operations. Special place operations include places such as shelters, soup kitchens, and other selected locations.

OFFICE OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR- Performs a variety of day-to-day activities associated with managing office staff and the administrative processing operations (includes personnel and payroll) for field and office staff.

RECRUITING ASSISTANT- Assists in recruiting and testing activities that includes locating test sites, conducting test, scoring test, conducting interviews, and selecting field staff following prescribed guidelines. Reviews job applications to assure applicants meet the basic employment requirements, and assists in maintaining the applicant files.

CLERK- Perform a wide variety of clerical functions associated with office processing, field operations, recruiting, testing and administrative processing operations (includes personnel and payroll) for field and office staff.

QUALIFICATIONS: All Candidates must pass a Bureau of the Census written examination.

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Sussex	1 \$13.50	4 \$12.00	65 \$10.50

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Dated material enclosed

- Notice of Town Meeting
- Minutes from preceding Town Meeting

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